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SUBJECT: ROC AIDE MEMOIRE ON SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO
PEKING

1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE GIVEN AMBASSADOR
BY FONMIN SHEN CHANG-HUAN NOVEMBER 7, 1973. AS DELIVERED
TO US, AIDE MEMOIRE BEARS NO ROC CLASSIFICATION. HOWEVER,
WE ARE CLASSIFYING IT CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT BY SEPTTEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT: AS ANNOUNCED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERN-
MENT, SECRETARY OF STATE DR. HENRY KISSINGER WILL AGAIN
VISIT THE CHINESE MAINLAND ON NOVEMBER 10-13, 1973.

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA CANNOT BUT FEEL
DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER THIS VISIT OF DR. KISSINGER AS OVER
HIS PREVIOUS ONES AND THEIR CUMULATIVE IMPACT. IT IS NOTED
THAT DR. KISSINGER WILL NOW MAKE THE TRIP TO THE CHINESE
MAINLAND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE
SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

4. THE BASIC VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
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CHINA CONCERNING THE INCREASING CONTACTS BEING SOUGHT BY

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNIST REGIME HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY MADE KNOWN IN THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY VICE-PRESIDENT C.K. YEN, THEN CONCURRENTLY PREMIER, ON JULY 16, 1971, AND IN THE STATEMENTS ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON FEBRUARY 17 AND 28, 1972, AND ON FEBRUARY 23, 1973.

5. IN CONNECTION WITH DR. KISSINGER'S PENDING VISIT TO THE CHINESE MAINLAND, THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS INVITED TO THE FOLLOWING VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

6. (1) THE MEASURES TAKEN SO FAR BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING ITS CONTACTS WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNIST REGIME HAVE CAUSED GREAT HARM TO THE INTERNATIONAL POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. SHOULD THE UNITED STATES GO STILL FURTHER IN THE PROMOTION OF ITS RELATIONS WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNIST REGIME, IT IS INEVITABLE THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD IN THE END BRING IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS REGARDS ITS INTERNATIONAL POSITION.

7. (2) THE PROMOTION OF A FULL-FLEDGED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CHINESE COMMUNIST REGIME WOULD NOT ONLY ENCOURAGE THAT REGIME TO BECOME INCREASINGLY ADVENTUROUS, BUT ALSO PROMPT THE FREE NATIONS THAT HAVE NOT DONE SO TO SEEK TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THAT REGIME AT THE EXPENSE OF THEIR EXISTING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. SUCH EVENTUALITIES WOULD NATURALLY HAVE THE EFFECT OF CAUSING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO BE PROGRESSIVELY ISOLATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY WOULD UNAVOIDABLY PRODUCE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES UPON THE WHOLE OF THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION, PARTICULARLY UPON SOUTHEAST ASIA, IN WHICH THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES ARE ALSO INVOLVED.

8. (3) IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA REPEATED ASSURANCES AND HAS ALSO MADE PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NEVER ABANDON ITS ALLIES
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NOR SACRIFICE THE INTERESTS OF ITS OLD FRIENDS. IT IS HOPED THAT, CONSISTENT WITH THIS AVOWED POSITION, THE UNITED STATES WILL NOW JOIN WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN REDOUBLING THE EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM AND THAT, AT LEAST, IT WILL NOT ALLOW THESE RELATIONS TO SUFFER FROM FURTHER SETBACKS.

9. (4) IT WILL ALSO BE RECALLED THAT PRESIDENT NIXON

AND DR. KISSINGER, UPON THEIR RETURN FROM THE VISIT TO THE CHINESE MAINLAND IN FEBRUARY 1972, ADVISED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA THROUGH AMBASSADOR JAMES SHEN IN WASHINGTON THAT, IN THEIR JUDGEMENT, UPHEAVALS WERE BOUND TO OCCUR AND TO GIVE RISE TO CHANGES ON THE MAINLAND WITHIN THREE TO FIVE YEARS AND THAT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA SHOULD REMAIN STEADY AND PREPARE FOR SUCH CHANGES. THE DEVELOPMENT ON THE MAINLAND IN RECENT MONTHS HAS FULLY JUSTIFIED THE VIEWS OF PRESIDENT NIXON AND DR. KISSINGER. AT THIS TIME WHEN THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARE FACING GRAVE DIFFICULTIES BOTH WITHIN AND ABROAD, IT APPEARS DESIRABLE FOR THE UNITED STATES TO FOLLOW A STEADY COURSE, TAKING INTO FULL ACCOUNT THE SITUATION THAT WILL RESULT FROM THOSE ANTICIPATED CHANGES ON THE CHINESE MAINLAND. END TEXT.
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